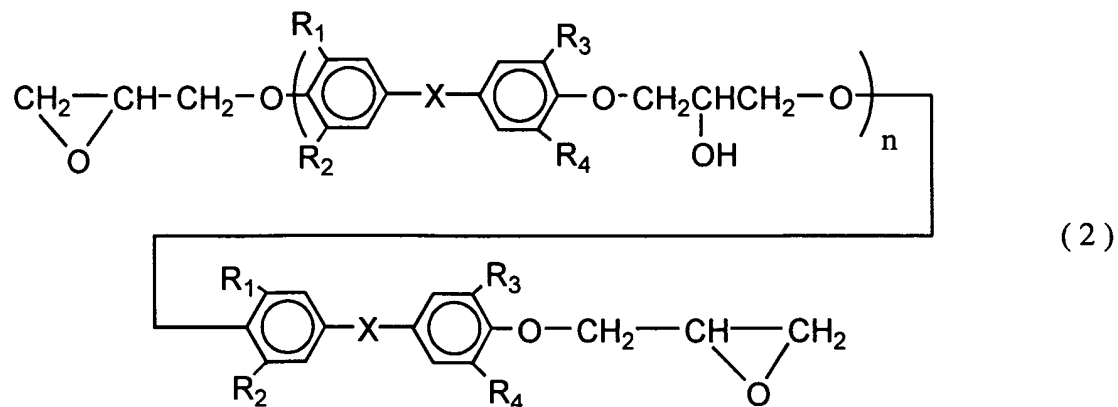
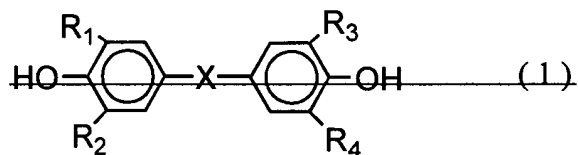


ABSTRACT

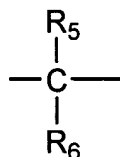
An epoxy resin represented by general formula (2),



wherein $\text{R}_1\text{--R}_4$ indicate a hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6,
n is 0 or integer of 1 or more and X is a bond or the following general formula

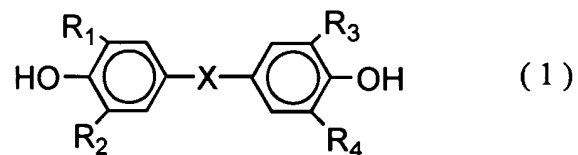


is a bond or the following general formula



wherein $\text{R}_5\text{--R}_6$ indicate a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6,

obtained by reacting an aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) and epihalohydrine,



wherein $\text{R}_1\text{--R}_4$ and X are as identified herein,

having molecular weight distribution comprising, content of $n=0$ component in the epoxy resin represented by general formula (2) is 60% or less and epoxy equivalent is 250g/eq or over.